to fish, wildlife, and wetlands conservation and who shall perform the duties of a Council member appointed under subsection (a)(D(C) or subsection (a)(l)(D) of this section—

(1) until a vacancy referred to in subsection (b)(4) of this section is filled: or

(2) in the event of the anticipated absence of such a member from any meeting of the Council.

(b) APPOINTMENT AND TERMS.—(1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3), the term of office of a member of the Council appointed under subsections (a)(l)(C) and (a)(l)(D) of this section is three years.

(3) Of the Council members first appointed under subsection (a)(l)(C) of this section after the date of enactment of this Act, one shall be appointed for a term of one year, one shall be appointed for a term of two years, and two shall be appointed for a term of three years.

(4) Of the Council members first appointed under subsection (a)(l)(D) of this section after the date of enactment of this Act, one shall be appointed for a term of one year, one shall be appointed for a term of two years, and one shall be appointed for a term of three years.

(5) Whenever a vacancy occurs among members of the Council appointed under subsection (a)(l)(C) or subsection (a)(l)(D) of this section, the Secretary shall appoint an individual in accordance with either such subsection to fill that vacancy for the remainder of the applicable term.

(c) EX OFFICIO COUNCIL MEMBERS.—The Secretary is authorized and encouraged to include as ex officio nonvoting members of the Commission representatives of—

(6) the Federal, provincial, territorial, or State government agencies of Canada and Mexico, which are participating actively in carrying out one or more wetlands conservation projects under this Act, the Plan, or the Agreement;

(7) the Environmental Protection Agency and other appropriate Federal agencies, in addition to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, which are participating actively in carrying out one or more wetlands conservation projects under this Act, the Plan, or the Agreement; and

(8) nonprofit charitable organizations and Native American interests, including tribal organizations, which are participating actively in one or more wetlands conservation projects under this Act, the Plan, or the Agreement.

(9) CHAIRMAN.—The Chairman shall be elected by the Council from its members for a three-year term, except that the first elected Chairman may serve a term of less than three years.

(10) QUORUM.—A majority of the current membership of the Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

(11) MEETINGS.—The Council shall meet at the call of the Chairman at least once a year. Council meetings shall be open to the public. If a Council member appointed under subsection (a)(l)(C) or (a)(l)(D) of this section misses three consecutive regularly scheduled meetings, the Secretary may remove that individual in accordance with subsection (b)(4).

(d) COORDINATOR.—The Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service shall appoint an individual who shall serve at the pleasure of the Director and—